



NFLA - Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024 at 4:30 pm Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Board Members:

- ✓ Jack McFarland, President
- ✓ Jim Rittenberg, Vice President
- ✓ John Zardis, Treasurer
- ✓ John Stone, S. Director
- ✓ Kevin Ulrichsen, S. Director
- ✓ Cheryl Crane, N. Director
- ✓ Steve Berg, N. Director
- ✓ Beth Ulrichsen, Secretary
- ✓ Richard Hildner, Past President

Guest: Dan Jacobson, Maintenance Committee – not present

1. Call to order at 4:45pm
2. Changes, additions, deletions to agenda
 - a. Jack noted the addition of voting to accept the 2024 budget to the agenda.
3. Minutes from last Board meeting on 10-1-23 read by Beth.
 - a. No additions or deletions were noted.
 - b. Motion by Richard to accept the minutes as read, Kevin seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Fall Newsletter
 - a. Beth shared that the fall newsletter went smoothly.
5. Community Events Update/Postmortem/Notes for next year:
 - a. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve were well attended and all went smoothly. Beth shared that it was great to see so many new faces and families in attendance, they are wonderful community gatherings. John S. agreed and said that it was nice to see folks we haven't seen in a few months. All agreed that the writeups by Lois Walker that were published in the paper were well done and nice to see.
6. Community Hall Use Agreement
 - a. Discussed proposed changes by John Z. to simplify the forms. John proposed that the \$75 deposit be removed and the need for a "responsible party" be removed. He explained that the \$75 doesn't actually cover any repairs if needed and only non NFLA members need a host, so the member could become the responsible party. John explained that only a few people have used the Hall, but no one has paid. John also explained that additional insurance is not needed, our insurance covers liability.
 - b. Discussed potential impact to the Hall, it was felt that propane use was the biggest issue. John thought that the increase would not be much.
 - c. Military Training group has inquired about using the Hall on 1/15, 1/16, 2/5-2/7 from 9:00-5:00pm. Richard asked if this was Military led or Contractor led? We were uncertain at this time. Richard felt if it was a contracted training then a fee might be appropriate. John will wait to see if the NFLA member contacts him again about using the facility.
 - d. Beth asked if we would need to have a person who is familiar with the Hall be present when outside group is using the facility.

- e. Jack expressed that the host should be there the whole time, and Jim reminded that the code can't be given to everyone.
- f. Jim noted that on the website Karina is still listed as the contact. Beth will ask Bill Walker to make changes.
- g. John Z. shared that he contacted the insurance company and we are covered for liability, there is no need for additional policy by "responsible party".
- h. Jim shared that the website states that fees don't apply to members, only non-members.
- i. Kevin said he is in favor of making it simple, as long as we are covered legally. Cheryl agreed.
- j. Jim asked about the alcohol policy. John Z. said that as long as we are not serving it, people may bring their own. Cheryl shared that she has attended private events in the past where alcohol was served. John will call insurance company about the use of alcohol.
- k. Richard asked about the no smoking policy, and its enforcement. John will check with the insurance company to see if there are restrictions we must follow.
- l. John Z. asked about the use of fireworks, Jack explained that we were within the rules by not setting them off on NFLA property.
- m. John Z. asked that everyone read and send him their comments and suggestions on the Hall Use agreement. John will take the lead on the Hall Use revisions.
- n. Jack decided to table the discussion until our next meeting to make changes to Hall use agreement.

7. Financial Report

- a. The 2024 budget was approved. A motion to accept by Kevin, seconded by Jim. All were in favor to accept the 2024 budget
- b. John shared that the new "donate button" on the website does not allow him to distinguish where to allocate money – associate member, member, or donation.
- c. Membership payments are up for this time of year, many donations have come in. A \$500 donation was specifically allocated to the ceiling project.
- d. Karina Petty and John Z. will complete the audit for fiscal year 2023 later this month.

8. Community Hall Improvements

- a. John S. reported free materials are not an option, not enough board feet. The RBM materials are no longer available, new materials were priced. White wood #2 TG, fine-line or center match. WBC \$4,500 or RBM (planed) \$6,500. RBM is smooth and will be easier to clean and maintain. Richard shared that TG smooth will be easier to maintain and a better look.
- b. It was agreed that we will stain/ finish boards while on the ground.
- c. Jack offered his barn for a work space, if needed, to finish boards.
- d. Jack recommended getting samples of finishes on boards to make final decision.
- e. Jack asked John S. to get the wood order in, due to a 2-3 month wait time for delivery.
- f. John Z. said that we will be ordering ¾ inch per recommendation from RBM.
- g. Jim asked if we will go to the ceiling peak, or box off the peak. John shared that Thane advised not boxing it off, it would provide a space for rodents.
- h. John S. said if we are organized, he supports the idea of community volunteers.
- i. Jim said he likes the idea of a local contractor with volunteers as additional support.
- j. It was agreed that May would be the best time to begin the ceiling project.
- k. Cheryl will contact Cody, local builder, and explain the idea of using volunteer labor alongside his expertise.

9. Pest Intrusion

- a. Thane recommended taking the ridge off the roof, put a screened material on the ridge, and recover the ridge with a new ridge cap. He also recommended putting steel wool in all the openings along the drip line of the roof to keep out rodents. He will give quotes on exterior improvements to keep rodents out.

10. NFLA Coffee Mugs

- a. Richard reported he had ordered 2 dozen mugs, 2 have been shared. There are 22 left.

11. Guest Speakers

- a. The following were suggested to be asked to be guest speakers:
 - i. Justine Vallieres FWP (with Bear Smart Bear Spray demo)
 - ii. North Valley Search and Rescue
 - iii. Andy Huntsburger
 - iv. Dark Sky Initiative, John Ashley
 - v. Teagen Tomlin- geologist at GNP

12. Kevin shared that Jim Dahlstrom will be retiring in February. Jack will send a thank you note to him.

13. Next board meeting on February 19 at 4:30 (zoom invite was sent)

14. Adjourned 6:42

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ulrichsen

Secretary

1/9/2024